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Does Avila have a diverse faculty?

Amanda Mabey
news editor

There are 10 minorities among Avila's 155 faculty members, reveals Academic Dean Sister Marie Joan Harris. At a time when multiculturalism is being stressed on campus, the lack of diversity among Avila's faculty can be questioned.

According to Harris, further break-down of faculty looks like this: 59 full-time and 96 part-time faculty. Of the full-time faculty, there are 39 women and 20 men. There is no ethnic diversity among the full-time faculty. The 10 minority professors are adjunct, or part-time. Also according to Harris, 70% of the faculty have the highest degree in their field; no faculty member has below a masters degree.

Harris is still pondering the diversity problem after eight years. She admits she doesn't have an answer. There is no quick fix. The problem, Harris feels, is that competition for minority professors is so high. In addition, these professors want to be in a school with a high minority population in both faculty and the student body.

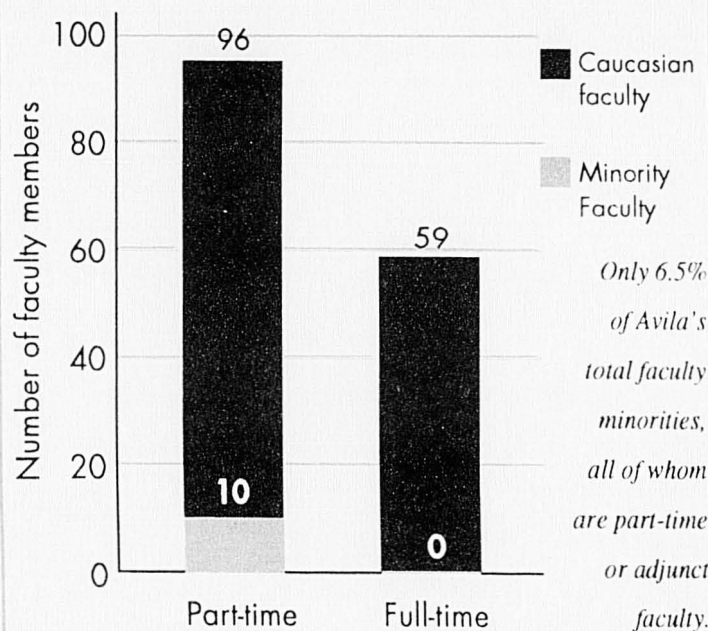
In terms of both race and gender, Harris says Avila has gone all out to achieve diversity. "It's an issue that is very important to me. The worst thing possible is for people to leave here with no concept of different backgrounds," says Harris.

According to Harris, Avila does have an alumni mentor program for incoming freshmen. Also, a curriculum change will be implemented next year. In this program, classes that address diversity will be part of the core curriculum.

Avila is also a part of the National Minority Faculty Search which includes advertising in minority publications. In addition, students are on a search committee to recruit minority professors.

Harris says all they can do is keep looking. Meanwhile, she hopes to fill some of the gaps through the core curriculum, the mentor program and adjuncts. She feels the future is looking brighter. "I think as more and more minorities are given educational opportunities, there will be more [minority professors] in the job market."

Faculty break-down



Students have a lot to say about this issue, too. Carl Lee, a junior nursing major, says "We have more than one race on campus and faculty should reflect that."

Sophomore Art Education major Michael Claypool says "We need different ideas to become a better rounded person. That's what college is

all about."

"I think this [diversity in faculty] is an important issue people should be aware of," says Harris. "Understanding and being sensitive to other cultures is an important value." In today's multicultural society, Harris feels it's important to learn how to live and work in a diverse environment.

Student voices are finally heard

New registration policy takes effect for the upcoming fall semester

Stephanie Brumback
contributing writer

Students wanted it. Students got it. Beginning this April, for the fall semester, Avila students will register for classes differently. For the first time, students will register by classification. The new system was initiated by the Student Senate and approved by Academic Affairs and is the result of a joint effort between the Student Senate and the Avila administration.

According to Registrar Toni Bink, seniors and certification students will register first on April 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On April 11, seniors, juniors and certification students will register. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and certification students register April 12. On April 13, registration is open to seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen and certification students. Open registration is April 14 to August 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., August 21-24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and August 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Graduate students may register on any of the above days.

Bink explains that a student's classification will depend on the number of credit hours he or she has accumulated, excluding the current semester. The current classifications with credit hours are as follows: freshman=0-31 hours, sophomore=32-63 hours, junior=64-95 hours and senior=96 hours and above. Graduate students are those students who have already acquired an undergraduate

degree. Certification students are those students who have been officially accepted in the Teacher Certification or Legal Assistant Certification programs.

Three weeks prior to registration, lists of students by classification will be posted outside the Registrar's Office and on campus bulletin boards. "A student may question the classification in the Registrar's Office and, if it is found to be incorrect, have it changed only if this is done prior to the first day of registration," says Bink.

This new system, spearheaded by Student Senate Vice President Seth Eckelman, will begin with the registration of those students with the highest classifications, and move downward from class to class until everyone has had a chance to register, and then commence with open registration.

"I'm more than willing to try it [the new registration system]," says Bink. The Student Senate, Bink says, will be available to assist the Registrar's Office on the first four days.

The new registration process was requested by Avila students and guided by the Student Senate in an attempt to "make sure that seniors do not get locked out of classes the semester before they intend to graduate," says Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs. "The registration system in the past has been an open registration, whereas now it will be a priority registration."

Truly a season of giving

Kara Werner
contributing writer

Typically, Holiday Break brings to mind sleeping in and spending well deserved time with family and friends. But for Father Dan Torson and two Avila students, Amy Schwab and Ellen Carmody, this break was dedicated to building a much needed home for a family of five in Tijuana, Mexico.

In conjunction with a group from William Jewell College and AMOR ministries, 13 volunteers erected a 22x22 foot home in four days. Two days were spent pouring the foundation, one day was spent framing the house, and on the fourth day the walls and roof were in place. Due to the storms in Southern California, Carmody said there "was a real urgency to finish before the storm hit." Everybody really pulled together to beat the storm they could see heading over the ocean.

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Avila honor students from the '94 fall semester

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Dean's List:

Melissa Albright
Amy Alderson
Melissa Andersen
Kelly Anderson
Sara Anderson
Kelli Angerman
Brandie Antonello
Angela Arello
Ronald Arens
Barbara Aschwanden
Angela Asta
Marisol Avila
J'Neil Bailey
Eden Barton
Theresa Bates
Anna Beall
Deborah Beamon
Dyanne Bean
Ann Beaven
Marsha Bell
Stacy Bell
Beth Bellanti
Kelly Bendis
Laura Benoit
Amy Blickhan
Teresa Boeding
Stephen Boos
Marlo Boots
Melissa Borgos
Cathy Boswell
Dawn Bradley
Dena Briscoe
Fred Briseno
Andra Brown
Mona Bush
Susan Caffey
Regina Camden
Dena Campbell
Edith Campbell
Ellen Carmody
Shane Carney
Heather Carpenter
Sherri Chance
Michelle Clipperton
Timothy Coleman
Jason Coots
Susan Cox
Beth Crawford

Luana Cumpton
Pamela Daugherty
Shawn Davies
Mickie DeSimone
Amber Decker
Sue Degginger
Justine Dodge
Aaron Dougherty
Walter Duffen
Bridget Dunn
Loretta Duran-Cassells
Daniel Eckart
Rebecca Eckart
Seth Eckelman
Katherine Egan
Elena Elesina
Christina Eynard
Jon Farr
Anthony Fast
Derek Feagans
Kathy Fenstermaker
Angela Fisher
Shandra Foster
Debra Frazier
Rachel Frye
Cindy Garner
Valerie Gillis
Jeannine Gislis
Pam Gladish
April-Dawn Gladu
Crystal Golder
Ann Graham
Eric Greble
Mark Green
JoAnne Green
Cathy Grimes
Joseph Gunderson
Anne Hamilton
Monica Haugsness
Sara Heberling
Deborah Heinrich
Tiffany Henderson
Marco Hernandez
Jennifer Hill
Fabiola Hollis
Shonette Micco
Travis Holt
Marie Hoolihan
Jan Hope
Suzette Horton
Si-Fou Hsieh
Valerie Hudson
Lisa Hunter

Michael Iseman
Molly James
Colin Jared
Loleita Jiles
Mary Johnson
Robert Johnston
Reba Jones
Debra Jones
Chieh Kao
Sherry Kelly
Marcus Kerby
Jamie Kieffaber
Benjamin Kimminau
Jeffrey Klein
Susan Knipp
Carron Knobbe
Brad Koper
Sandy Korando
Heidi Kuster
Garrett Lahey
Kelly Larsen-Rogers
Sarah Lathrom
Kristine Lezark
Paulette Limback
Kimberly Lonsbury
Cynthia Luchefeld
Sheila Lusher
Amanda Mabey
Heather MacKenzie
Deanna Maddox
Teresa Mandacina
Alexandra Manley
Melissa Manning
Ted Manvitz
Bonnie Maring
Kerry Marlatt
Peter Martin
Diana Martinez
Elizabeth Marvin
Melissa Matlon
Cindy McCune
Danielle McHugh
Tera McLaughlin
Molly McNamara
Margaret Meyer
Shonette Micco
Carla Miller
Kelly Molle
Debra Montgomery
Rebecca Moran
Mary Mulder
Courtney Murphy

Lori Nordlohne
Jennifer Norman
Beth Null
Stacia O'Connor
Dina Opp
Tracy Orf
Kari Oxenreider
Paula Pace
Jill Page
Gregory Parish
Jennifer Perkins
Kimlee Peterson
Phillip Pileggi
Susan Pilger
Nikki Pittman
Samuel Porterfield
Wendi Powers
April Prater
Becky Ragan
Wendy Rice
Maureen Rittenhouse
Ora Robinson
Gwendolyn Roche
David Rogers
Carolyn Rohde
Janice Rosey
James Rowlett
Lisa Ruffini
Pamela Runyon
Ronnie Saltgaver
Rosemary Sanoski
Kelley Sartory
Nata Scharf
Deborah Schmidt
John Schmiedeler
Lisa Schnick
Lori Schnieders
Jill Schonhardt
Julie Schreiber
Amy Schwab
Sherri Searles
Rebecca Sexton
Sinora Shaw-Hollins
Robert Sherrick
Melissa Singleton
Joseph Sipe
Andrea Slater
Tracy Sloger
Denise Smith
Rebecca Smith
Judith Smith
Julie Smith

Cecilia Spaeth
Megan Spohrer
Terri Standridge
Marie Stanley
Andrew Steen
Jered Steen
Gregory Stegall
Montserrat Stewart
Sandy Stone
Sandra Stowell
Brenda Straley
Stacy Street
Jerrold Sumner
Jennifer Suter
Jane Tarasova
Kimberly Taylor
Kimberly Thompson
Rachel Thompson
Virginia Tobin
Gloria Trusler
Tamara Tucker
Michelle Turner
Marc Venneman
Mary Wagner
Ann Walker
Denise Wallace
Ya-Hui Wang
Jennifer Watson
Anne Welliver
Martha West
Erin Williams
Nicole Williams
Cara Williams
Heather Wilson
Julie Woulfe
Rebecca Wroblewski
Cynthia Wulff
Jamie Wurth
Cynthia Zornes
Honor Roll:
Mary Alderson
Rebecca Alicea
Jennifer Allen
George Anderson
Lynn Atchison
Debra Baanders
Ashlynn Barnes
Amy Barnett
Kathy Bartles
Daniel Bauer
Tracy Bishop

Kathleen Bond
Elaine Borchers
Jeffrey Breedlove
Anita Briles
Emily Brown
Teresa Brown
Alicia Burris
Carolyn Cameron
Joseph Cavallaro
Patricia Caviar
Estellene Chance
Jerry Clair
Cynthia Clements
Amy Clossick
John Coleman
Jackie Collins
Emily Conard
Mary Connelly
Susan Corcoran
Jeanne Curran
Sheryl Davis
Michael DeCarlo
Daisy Dobbins
Elaine Doran
Barbara Dundee
Evelyn Dyer
Mary Edwards
Lisa Ezeamii
Sharon Flint
Carole Flynn
Linda Franko
Andrea Giambalvo
Robin Giarla
Kristin Goering
Patricia Goff
Paul Goldman
Melissa Gover
Colleen Grantham
Candis Gray
Keith Greathouse
Cheri Green
Rita Griffith
Jeanne Gromowsky
Deborah Hames
Matthew Harper
Kayla Harris
Gayle Hartley
Gregory Hill
Jamie Hillmer
Catherine Hodges
Georgiana Huber
Anita Huston

Marci Johnson
Russell Johnson
Lori Jonas
Melissa Jones
Katherine Jones
Jonille Justesen
John Kashka
Lori Kays
Cynthia Kehus
Lisabet Kennedy
Loris Kettner
Kristi Knop
Michael Kramer
Thaya Kroencke
Nell Kuestermeyer
Bonnie Kurtz
Elizabeth Larman
Calvetta Leek
Dennis Levell
Shannon Lilly
Annie Livingston
Mary Lucas
Kester Marsh
Mary Mathews
Amy Matlock
Brenda May
Margaretta Mays
Stacey McClish
Gerald McDonald
Phyllis McEntire
Charlene Medina
Susan Meinen
Susan Miles
Mark Miller
Susan Mills
Heather Mitchell
Shannon Morey
James Morris
Kaye Mount
George Moyer
Michelle Mulloy
Martha Murphy
Angela Nabors
Kristin Nelson
Tammy Nelson
John Nunnink
Michelle O'Neal
Diana Olive-Campbell
Jeanne Olofson
Elizabeth Oneth
Kristin Oppenheimer
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Stacey Purinton
Donna Putnam
Holly Read
Marcia Reese
Amy Reinert
Cheryl Richards
Julia Robbins
Jason Robertson
Todd Rogers
Rebecca Rosevear
Carole Runyon
Janet Rynard
Laurie Sauer
Theresa Schoenherr
Shelly Schubert
Debra Seigler
Barbara Shirley-Bates
Kimberly Simmons
Nikki Sixta
Natalie Slayton
Cynthia Slider
Winifred Smith
Kaye Smith
Gwendolyn Smart
Tiffany Soligo
Sharon Spencer
Hans Staab
Leslie Stapsinski
Rod Sterling
Tracy Stewart
Patricia Stingley
Ann Sweeney
Jonathan Tabiendo
Mario Torres
Amy Tritt
Gail Trudeau
Sheila Van Ordstrand
Kimberly Wade
Rebecca Wassmer
Kelly Wempe
Nancy Weneck
John Whitt
Kristin Wiedner
Edward Wingate
Angela Wolfmarger
Denise Woolf
David Young
Gary Yount
Janae Zammar

Avila's Music Festival turns 50

Robbin Williams
contributing writer

For 50 years, musically inclined children and teenagers have performed on the Goppert stage during the week-long Music Festival competition. In 1946, 300 area students participated; March 4-10, more than 3000 are expected to compete. Much of the credit for the Music Festival's success goes to the driving force behind the event, Sister de LaSalle McKeon, C.S.J.

The Music Festival has something to offer it's performers. According to Sister McKeon, the Music Festival serves as an inspiration to aspiring musicians. "It is a learning experience for the

children to hear others performing. It is no fun studying music without performing, and if their work is then recognized, it's a benefit for the children to carry on their music work."

There will be a variety of entertainment. This year's Music Festival will include performances involving musical instruments and choruses as it has done for the past 50 years. The Winner's Concert, which is open to the public, will be held March 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Goppert Theater.

This year there will be a very special concert. A Gala Guest Artist Concert is scheduled to commemorate the festival's (and Sister

McKeon's association with the festival) 50th year. Open to the public, this event will reunite former Music Festival participants who have since turned professional. It will take place March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Goppert Theater.

This event is ideal for anyone who appreciates music. "Music is not just one of the basic subjects, it keeps the spot light on students, this shows what music really is all about. Many positive things will result from this. It helps students build their self-esteem and self-confidence. This gives them discipline when performing in front of a live audience," said Daniel Larson, professor of Music and chairperson of the Department of Humanities.

Quilters: patchwork of talent

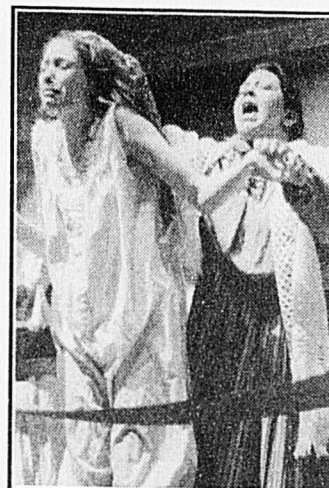
Monica Haugsness
contributing writer

How much do you know about the women of the 1850's? For many the answer would be that a lack of knowledge exists concerning the women of this time period. The Avila College theater department will change this as they prepare for the upcoming performance of *Quilters*.

Quilters, by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, is a musical which presents, what guest-director Samantha Wyr terms, "a litany of women's lives during the 1850's and how they helped build this country." Unlike most musicals, *Quilters* is not a "splashy" musical show, warns Wyr. "It provides

a patchwork idea of what these women went through and how they endured and supported each other."

The musical will be performed February 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m. in Goppert Theater. Cast members of *Quilters* include: Maria Swindell, Serena Beam, April Dawn Gladu, Amy Harris, Michelle Mulloy, and Sayra Player. Admission to all performances is free to Avila students and faculty.



Sayra Player (left) and Maria Swindell (right) in the baptismal scene from *Quilters*

photo by Fred Briseño

Tijuana trip

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Schwab and Carmody agreed that they fully expected to be on the giving end of this trip and were surprised to find themselves on the receiving end as well. Not only was a local church open for them to stay in during their mission, but one local woman showed her gratitude by opening her house to the hard-working group every night so they could have a hot shower.

There was always a true sense of togetherness among the workers. For Father Dan it "...was a great experience to come together with William Jewell, and be able to immerse in the culture - to get beyond being a tourist." Schwab noted that while our culture may be economically stable, the Mexican culture is more family oriented.

Overall, each participant came away changed in some way. Carmody couldn't put her finger on it exactly, but felt that she "grew more, spiritually." Schwab began to appreciate more of what we can learn from

Third World countries. She recalled a moment that happened after the foundation was poured. "Susanna and her children began dancing around on their soon-to-be new floor, it was really touching!" Father Dan felt that this trip not only "renewed the goodness that human kind shares in pain and struggles," but also his political interest.

All in all, the trip was rewarding for everyone involved - an all out success. Perhaps Carmody described it best in saying, "It was a wonderful experience!"

Cinderella visits the children of China

Susan G. Caffey
opinion editor

The blond-haired, blue-eyed woman walked into the room filled with dark-haired, brown-eyed children. The children giggled.

"Why are you laughing?" asked the woman.

"You look like Cinderella!" came the jocular reply.

This is only one of the memories Dr. Sue McCalley, assistant professor of Special Education at Avila, treasures from her participation in a special delegation team to China. The team's visit, from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2, 1994, may have been short, but McCalley's memories will last a lifetime.

McCalley earned the invitation due to her affiliation with the Council for Exceptional Children and her development of a special treatment program for severely disabled children. The team was requested by the Ministry of Education in China to consult on learning disabilities with members of the

Chinese educational system.

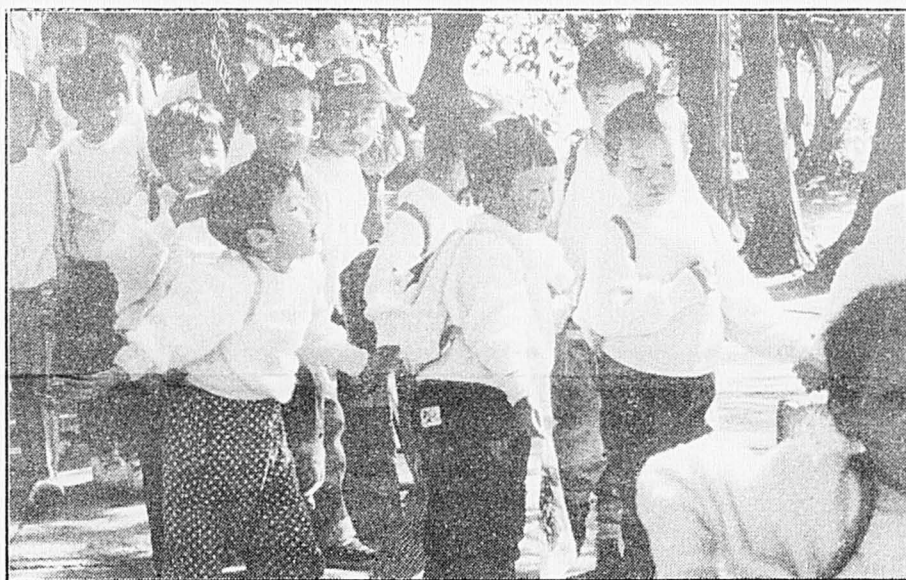
The team started their tour in Beijing where they met with faculty from the Beijing university. After this, they went to the public schools, observed the children and talked with the teachers. Finally, the team visited the Beijing office of the Federation of Disabilities. This same schedule was followed in Nanjing, Suzou, and Shanghai.

Since the team members could only speak a few courtesy phrases in Chinese, the China International Cultural Exchange Center provided them with excellent translators that accompanied them wherever they went.

However, no translator was necessary to appreciate the culture. "It's a country of stark contrasts," said McCalley. "Homes of the wealthy sit next to those in abject poverty. Ancient, old buildings are next to modern high-rises." It is not just the buildings and homes that contrast, but the people as well, according to McCalley. "They are so crowded, yet there is a sense of tranquility and peace."



Children giggle when Dr. Sue McCalley enters a room. When asked why, the children told her she looked like Cinderella. McCalley's blond hair and blue eyes were a fairy-tale treat in China.



Due to the crowded streets of Beijing, children are dressed in distinguishable clothing for all outings so that the teachers can keep track of them.
Photos courtesy of Dr. Sue McCalley

The reason for this, McCalley learned, is because, unlike here where the individual is emphasized, there the stress is placed on the good of the society. "They teach children to respect each other's privacy or 'space.' First, make sure you don't destroy the other's inner peace. Only after this, can you look to your own."

When observing the children at school, McCalley noted that although they were crowded, about 60 children to a classroom, the lessons were orderly, and the children were happy and eager to learn. This eagerness is something McCalley fears too many of American children have lost.

Despite the enthusiasm for learning, the education system in China still has room for improvement. Most rural children do not attend school at all. For those that do, urban and rural, there are only nine years of compulsory education. Furthermore, mentally retarded children are educated in separate settings from other children. Children with severe

learning disabilities are not educated at all.

McCalley believes the reason for this is because China does not have a high percentage of severely disabled. Due to medical limitations, many of these children simply do not survive.

Although the delegation team was invited to consult on learning disabilities, McCalley does not feel it succeeded in this area. "They're just not ready for it," said McCalley. However, she does feel it was a great success in the areas of cultural exchange, special education in general, and consultation on the mentally retarded.

Perhaps the next trip, which McCalley has been asked to lead, will accomplish still more. No dates have been set for the trip, but preliminary plans are in the works. McCalley is looking forward to the opportunity, once again, to enrich herself and, hopefully, the children of China.

New course explores African American tradition

Julie Bellistri
contributing writer

A new English course devoted to African American Literature arrived on campus this semester. Even though the course was created for this semester, the English department plans to offer it on a regular basis.

According to Dr. Nancy Cervetti, the instructor, the course is a communication-intensive course that fulfills the literature requirement in the core curriculum. The course surveys novels, drama and poetry by 19th and 20th century African American authors.

"Students have the opportunity to enhance reading, listening, and discussing skills in a classroom atmosphere and in small groups," Dr. Cervetti said.

Dr. Cervetti structured the course to revolve around the student. "This class will help students to develop stronger reading skills," Cervetti states. Also, Cervetti feels "The class gives students a chance to learn about the rich and remarkable African American tradition."

Christal Borders, a senior

accounting major, is currently enrolled in the African American Literature course. "As an African American, I did not know that much about African American literature," Borders says. "This class will give me an opportunity to enhance my knowledge of the literature surrounding my background."

The course begins with the origins of African American tradition with Phillis Wheatley and moves through the 19th and 20th centuries closing with the incidents involving Malcom X.

According to Dr. Cervetti's syllabus, "Students will position the literary works in their historical contexts to demonstrate how literature both announces and solves problems, how literature both reflects and shapes social conditions."

"The students have already been enjoying the works of the writers and have found the class meaningful," Cervetti added. "The class has taken off well, with a full room of students learning about the importance of the African American tradition."

FROM THE TRENCHES: Kobe quake hits close to home

Beth Bellanti
feature editor

A few weeks ago, America received devastating news of an earthquake that leveled parts of Kobe, one of the largest cities in Japan. With the news came devastating numbers that still continue to rise. As of now 5,063 people are dead, 68 are still missing, 307,000 are homeless. 56,400 buildings were damaged and the government was slow to react, increasing the devastation. Here at Avila College, Japanese students and faculty were just returning to the campus after semester break when the 7.5 quake hit. The state of their families, friends and homes were among the first thoughts that came to mind as they returned.



—Yasuko Hattori, ESL student

"I was surprised by the earthquake, and my family's home in Osaka was disrupted. Many people were not that fortunate though. I know a woman from Japan who lives here in Kansas City that lost her mother. St. Thomas Moore, a catholic church near by had a mass on the 29th of January for the victims and those in town that were affected by the earthquake."

Lisa Ann Sugimoto, instructor of Fine Arts, Avila College

"Since I am from Los Angeles, I am very familiar with earthquakes and I understand the confusion that occurs in a disaster like the one in Kobe. People are complaining about the slowness of the Japanese government aid, but there is so much damage that I don't feel that they could get around it. I have to empathize with the relatives of those victims. I remember how helpless every one was during the Northridge earthquake."





Avila on matters of the heart

Remember that catchy phrase, "Love makes the world go around?" At first glance these days, it would seem to be money, prestige or success. We tend to put so much energy into these parts of our life, that we forget what it is that lasts forever. In the end, what is it that we take with us? Not the money or the power lunches. Our memories of love and friendship are the gifts that endure. The impact we had on our families, friends and significant others is our legacy. On the other hand, no one said it was going to be easy. Relationships can be the most complex of our whole lives, and while they take vast amounts of work, the rewards are our reasons for living. In our little world of higher education, develop intense relationships due to our fast paced environments. Avila's diverse population of students represent many different aspects of working relationships. Here they speak from experience about what they have learned, sometimes the hard way.



What works at work?

What she said:

Cindy Wulff, junior, English-Secondary Ed. major

"Be a team player and be honest. It is also nice when someone higher up than you will come down and help you out."

What he said:

Ira Schick, junior, Theater Production major

"Communication, respect and having an open mind."

What she said:

Nancy Arthur, junior, Elementary-Special Ed major

"The relationship between the customer and the employee."

What he said:

Brad Forkenbrock, freshman, Communications major

"Honesty."

"There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so strange."

Daniel Webster

How to make or break a team

What she said:

Kirsten Lipari, sophomore, Special Ed major, member of the Avila girls soccer team and Spirit Squad

"A team's success relies upon trust, commitment and the ability to work."

What he said:

Dave Melton, Director of Sports Recruitment and Head Football coach

"To me a team is a unit...A family of sorts. I believe that one earmark of a family is trust. I want to be able to trust my team to the point that I am assured that each individual will make the right choices and do the right thing, and this should ring true on the playing field as well as in their personal lives."

What she said:

Danielle Trovato, junior, Theater major

"A team exists in theater when no one has an ego. Nothing is accomplished when someone thinks that they are better than another."

What he said:

Chris Jennerwein, sophomore, Finance major, Avila baseball player

"A team pulls together when each individual works as part of the team, pulling on the same side of the rope, rather than pulling against each other."

"Never compromise yourself, you are all you've got."

Janis Joplin



To be or not to be?

Personal Relationships

What he said:

Jason Welch, sophomore, English major

"Trivialities make a relationship fail. My girlfriend back in high school would make lists for everything, like why she didn't like certain people or why she was mad. Later on she made a list of her best friends and I was not on the list."

What she said:

Meghan Morrell, freshman, Pre-Med major

"Relationships fail when you aren't happy with yourself and you expect too much from the other person. The reality of the situation is that life is not perfect all of the time and you have to learn to roll with the punches. In the end, people will come and go, so you have to stay true to yourself. It's like chess, you have to know which man to move."

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

Oscar Wilde

What she said:

Nikki Davison, sophomore, Human Resources major

"Compromise is the key when establishing a friendship with your roommate. It helps a lot to get to know your roommate beforehand so you know what to expect."

What he said:

Jim Branson, Student Activities and Resident Director

"I look for honesty and a sense of humor when it comes to relationships."

What he said:

Father Dan Torsen, Director of Campus Ministry

"A relationship with God is similar to one between friends, except that it is not one that is spoken with words like people use. There is commitment, time together and the knowing that the individual can bring anything to God, assured that they are loved and accepted, right or wrong."

"To believe in God is impossible, not to believe in him is absurd."

Voltaire

What she said:

Gina Frigault, Director of Student Resources and Career Development

"Friendship, respect and support are the most important elements to a relationship in that order. Ron and I were friends for a long time before we were married, so we knew each other's values and had respect for them."

What he said:

Ron Frigault, Assistant Dean of Students

"Trust and patience are ideals that two people have to share. There has to be a commitment to live each day together, one day at a time."

"Maybe nothing lasts forever, not the mountains or the sea, but the times we had together, they will always be with me."

The Samples

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Women's Vast improvement fuels playoff hopes

The Lady Eagles are heading into the final third of their basketball season and mounting an impressive record. Currently the Eagles are 13-11 for the season and 6-2 in the new Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) leaving them tied for second place.

The team's success this year is a definite improvement over their 10-22 record last year. According to Head Coach Jim McMurry, with 6 games left, the team is well on its way to a successful season.

McMurry is very pleased with his team's performance so far this season. "Anytime you bring new players together that have to change their roles from high school," McMurry comments, "it takes time to develop a strong team

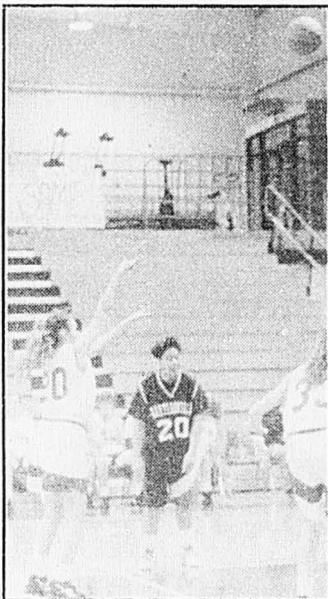
concept."

When asked about the prospects of post season play, Assistant Coach Cathlin Maloney said they should advance to the top in the conference tournament, "I can definitely see us being conference champs." However, progressing through regionals and into the NAIA national tournament will be more difficult.

Maloney says, "We like to dream big, but getting outside of the conference might be tough." Although McMurray adds, "We've played a tough schedule the entire year, so we are ready for a challenge."

The age of the team may be one factor that will determine the outcome of the Lady Eagle's season. The fifteen member team is comprised of 11 freshmen, three sophomores, and one junior. This composition makes the team according to Maloney, "by far the youngest team in the conference."

Maloney understands that having a young team has its ups and downs. She says, "We're lacking leadership." But she also says that in being young, "We have an invincible



Michelle Hollins sinks a free throw for the Lady Eagles during their game against Bartlesville Wesleyan College.

photo by Fred Briseño

attitude, that nobody's going to beat us, and that can be good."

Both McMurry and Maloney are enthusiastic about the team and its potential. The coaches invite everyone to come check out the team.

The Lady Eagle's next home game is February 10 against Dana College at 7:30 in Mabce Fieldhouse.

Men's

Record doesn't tell whole story

The men are also heading into the final portion of their season as well, and although their record is currently 8-16, Head Coach Fred Turner remains hopeful. Turner says he has never had a season like this one, but believes there is always a lesson to be learned.

"Basketball is like life," Turner says, "it is difficult and there are no guarantees." He maintains that athletics can be key to life learning and that in dealing with adversity on the court, his team learns to deal with adversity in life.

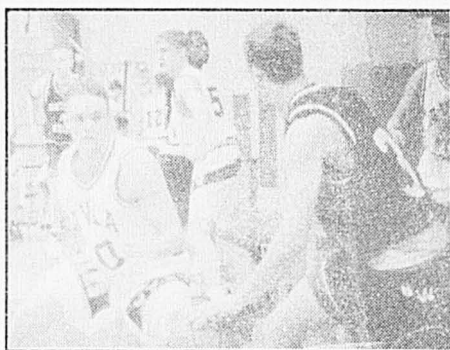
Coach Turner wants to emphasize this point because he believes the lessons learned on the court transcend into the lives of his players. By learning to stay committed and not give up in the face of a losing season, Turner and his players learn to keep going on and off the court.

Although the team is 8-16, Turner points out that the players always give great effort. Eight of the team's 16 losses have been by a deficit of three points or less, making the Eagles, as Turner puts it, "the best eight and sixteen team in the U.S." The Eagles are currently 5-2 in the MCAC conference giving them a second place ranking.

Coach Turner feels the team will rally and win three or all of

their four remaining games. He also says they have a chance of making the national NAIA tournament in March. "It will be tough, but possible," states Turner. "We are just as good as anyone in our conference if we play to our potential."

Turner uses optimism and philosophy to keep his team focused. He says it is important to remember that, "It's not how you start in life, it's how you finish." Turner believes this is true for the team as well. He also indicates that basketball is, "Like boxing, it's not important that you get knocked down. What's important is that you get up and



Avila Eagle, Brad Koper, defends against a Bartlesville Wesleyan College enemy looking to drive to the basket

photo by Fred Briseño

the fight continues." Turner feels if his team can remember this, they can achieve their goals.

Always wanting to teach a lesson, Turner adds that a good lesson can be learned from Sr. Anne Dominique who, "like a dirty stain, you can't get rid of her. She comes to all the games of all the sports. She constantly supports through thick and thin."

The men's next home game is February 11 against Bellevue University at 7:30.

Eagles and Hawks beak it out

Avila vs. Rockhurst double-header is scheduled for Feb. 18

Both men and women maintain high hopes for their post season play, but the regular season culminates in the final home game between the Eagles and rival Rockhurst Hawks.

The men and women double-header takes place on February 18 at 5:30 and 7:30. The Lady Eagles look to avenge a loss to the Lady Hawks at Rockhurst earlier in the season, and the men seek to improve their record against Rockhurst.

The Avila/Rockhurst double-header is also open night for all sports in which prospective student athletes attend the games and are given the opportunity to talk with the coaches from all the sports. The game on the 18 is also alumni night and free refreshments will be provided at the game by the Alumni Association.

Avila athletes receive honors for academics and athletics

Marlo Boots
sports editor

Avila's fall sports really have something special to yell about, even after the seasons are over. Eleven Avila athletes were rewarded with special honors for their achievements during their season. The Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) offered Avila teams the opportunity to receive conference honors for the first time as well as the regional awards granted in the past.

Three athletes, one from each fall sport, earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Awards. To be honored as an NAIA recipient he or she must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average as well as complete their designated sport. The three recipients that received recognition for their excellence in the classroom as well as their sport are: Stacy Street, volleyball; Luana Cumpston, women's soccer; and Phill Pileggi, men's soccer.

Brandie Antoniello, a volleyball team member, was the only Avila athlete to be awarded Second-Team All-Region honors and First-Team MCAC honors. Antoniello played a vital part of the volleyball team in her last

season and second consecutive season at Avila. With one more year of eligibility, Antoniello will graduate in the spring and end her career.

Volleyball, women's soccer, and men's soccer had a total of seven Second-Team MCAC conference recipients. The following players were named to that list: Stacy Street and Michelle Turner, volleyball; Anna-Lisa Criswell and Robin Harris, women's soccer; Dusty Gutierrez, Adam Bledsoe, H.L. Dunsworth, and Jamie Rowlett, men's soccer. Congratulations!

Local insurance company provides shelter for sports teams

Jason Coots
contributing writer

In November, Shelter Insurance presented a check for over \$1000 to Avila College for the athletic teams that participated in post season competition.

Shelter Insurance agents, Jeff Maupin and Dave Welch presented a check for \$1040.55 to Dr. Tim Berry, vice president for Advancement.

According to Carl Clapp, director of Athletics, the money is partial reimbursement for hotel rooms and meals to non-revenue athletic programs that participate in post season tournaments.

"Most NAIA institutions cannot plan for championship travel," Clapp said. "Many schools have to come up with the extra money at the end of the year. Shelter has provided the much needed support to the NAIA schools in the midwest."

According to Clapp, non-revenue sports include all athletic programs except football and basketball.

"Shelter Insurance has been helping NAIA institutions since 1988," Clapp said. "We are very grateful for the much needed financial support for the teams that demand a higher level of competition for themselves."

Major changes rock athletic department

Jason Coots
contributing writer

What do Melton, Turner, Smith and Smith, Maloney, and Chaverri, all have in common? These names are responsible for the largest employee turnover in the history of the Avila College Department of Athletics.

"Change is a natural part of every staff," says Carl Clapp, director of Athletics. "Although I am always disappointed with the loss of any coach, I am excited with the new people coming into new positions."

Dave Melton, head softball coach and admissions representative, was added to the athletic staff roster as the assistant athletic director for Recruitment. His duties include game administration and assisting in the recruitment of the many athletes looking at Avila College as their academic institution for the next four years.

"As an admissions counselor, I am very familiar with the recruiting process," Melton said. "I have already been on home visits to prospective athletes houses, and I feel very comfortable with my added duties in the athletic department."

With the addition of a new recruiter, comes the loss of Fred Turner as the assistant director of Athletics. Even though Turner will no longer be acting as the assistant to the athletic director, he will continue his duties as head coach of the men's basketball team.

"As an administrator, I didn't enjoy selling advertisements for the Avila sports guide," Turner said. "I know someone's got to do it, but it's not for me anymore."

Turner is referring to the

duties of the assistant director of athletics, which include game administration, facility supervisor, coordinator of the Avila Sports Guide, in addition to the many other administrative duties.

At this time, Turner is pursuing a teaching position in history at one of the area high schools. Turner has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Missouri Kansas City and a master's degree in athletic training from Central Missouri State University.

"Administration is not my forte," Turner stated. "I've taught for 22 years out of the 26 years I have coached basketball."

According to Turner, teaching history on a full time basis at a public school and coaching at Avila, he will dramatically increase his salary.

"If I teach full time and coach, I will give myself a \$10,000 raise," Turner said. "I also will work less months in a year and less hours in a day. I also want to spend more time with my family."

Jodi Smith, the head women's volleyball coach, submitted her resignation after one of her most successful seasons. Her volleyball team had just won the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference volleyball tournament in dramatic fashion.

"I would like to expand my family further," Smith said. "With just Kalyn (her daughter) around it was easier, but if I had another child it would be impossible to coach and be a mother at the same time."

Smith encountered the same problem coaching at Avila that many coaches have throughout their careers.

"Avila is not able to pay full time coaches enough and therefore we have to have full time jobs to compensate the

insufficient pay for coaching," Smith stated. "The other problem is that the part time coaches are expected to do the exact same duties as a full time coach with part time salaries."

According to Smith, she believes that if Avila could staff full time coaching positions, then the retention and recruiting of the student athletes, and the overall athletic programs would benefit from a coach that is always available.

Replacing Jodi Smith for the head women's volleyball coach will be Jason Smith, the assistant coach for the last three seasons.

Finally, Erick Chaverri, the women's soccer coach last season resigned his position after posting a respectful 9-7-3 first season record.

Replacing Chaverri will be his assistant Cathlin Maloney. Maloney brings with her a vast knowledge of college soccer as she played women's soccer at Baker University before coming to Avila.

"Erick and I have very different philosophies on conditioning," Maloney said. "He wasn't ready to be a head coach at the college level."

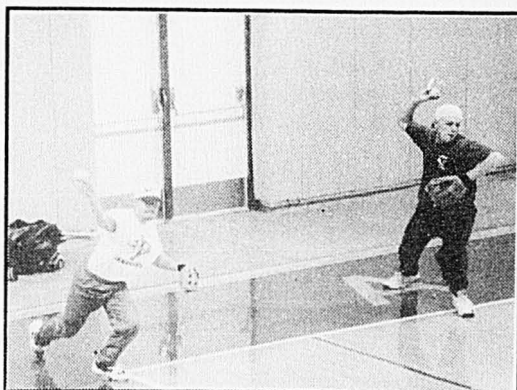
Danielle Hoover, a returning member of the women's soccer program expressed her problems with the first year head coach at Avila.

"He was a pushover," Hoover said. "The players had control of the team, not our head coach."

According to Maloney, the memories of the first season were not as evident as the record they accumulated. "The girls don't remember that they were 9-7-3 or that they made the conference playoffs there first year of the program," Maloney said. "They remember the disorganization of Coach Chaverri and the useless drill of practice every day."

challenges for my team will be playing seven Division I teams." Coach Huber feels that his pitching staff will be one of the teams strong points this year.

"I want my team to be as good as or better than last year," said Coach Huber. "I expect it to be harder to repeat last years record but I want the team to move one step forward and win the championship game."



Charlie Cox (left) and Alex Hyde (right) warm up in the fieldhouse at baseball practice

photo by Fred Briseño

competition will be tougher this year and the team will be playing more higher quality teams. "One of the biggest

Baseball hopes are high

Valerie Hudson
contributing writer

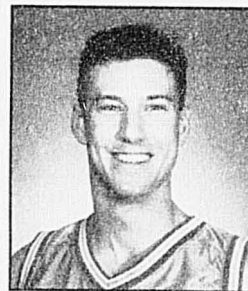
The Men's baseball team ended a successful 1994 season with a record of 47-17-1. With one of those losses coming in the NAIA championship game in which they lost 7-6 to St. Ambrose University.

The team lost six players from last seasons team. Coach Jim Huber welcomes 20 new players, 14 freshmen and 6 transfer students. The team also welcomes pitching coach, Mike Boddicker. Boddicker is a former Kansas City Royals pitcher.

Coach Huber feels that this will be a very challenging year for his players. Huber says

Senior profiles

Marlo Boots
sports editor



Derek Feagens

Hometown: Willow Springs, MO
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard
Major: Political Science
Career Plans: I plan to go to law school next year and then practice corporate law in a large law firm
Favorite Place to Go: The golf course
Last CD/tape bought: Beastie Boys - Ill Communication
Pet Peeve: People that are unorganized

Most Unique Quality About Self: Persistence and dedication
Bits of Wisdom to Continuing Avila Students: Make every effort to do your best. Establish goals and don't allow anything to stand in your way of accomplishing them!

Beth Bellanti

Hometown: Burlington, CT
Sport: Spirit Squad
Position: Co-captain
Major: Electronic Media
Minor: Fine Arts
Career Plans: I plan to get a job in communications on the East Coast either in writing or television.
Favorite Place to Go: The ocean
Last CD/tape bought: Guys and Dolls the musical
Pet Peeve: People who pretend to be something else.

Most Unique Quality About Self: Very intuitive
Bits of Wisdom to Continuing Avila Students: Remember that everything you do now effects your future.



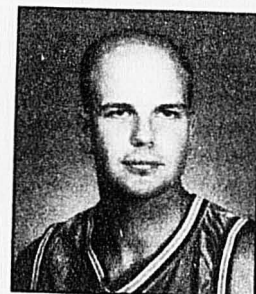
Shawn Brewer

Hometown: Belton, MO
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Physical Education
Career Plans: I would like to teach elementary school and coach in Belton.
Favorite Place to Go: Panama City to visit my family
Last CD/tape bought: TLC - Crazy Sexy Cool

Pet Peeve: Stupid, tall jokes

Most Unique Quality About Self: My height; 6'11"

Bits of Wisdom to Continuing Avila Students: Have fun because these are the best years of your life!



Fall sports wrap up

Valerie Hudson
contributing writer

women's volleyball

The Avila women's volleyball team ended this past season with a record of 24-21. The team record in their conference was 11-2. "Overall this past season was a very successful one," according to former Head Coach Jodi Smith.

women's soccer

The Avila women's soccer team ended their first season with a respectable record of 9-7-3. The team made the first round of the playoffs and lost the first game in the tournament. Overall she says that "the team did very well this season and hopes to do even better next season."

men's soccer

The men's soccer team ended their season with a disappointing record of 4-14. The team lost in the first round of the tournament to Kansas Neuman. This past season was a season to build from, according to Head Coach Kris Plumhoff.

EDITORIAL

Where do all the students go?

Jason Coots
contributing writer

Avila College, what college is meant to be.

To many students who transfer at the end of the semester, they find the old saying, Avila College, the college not meant for me.

Whether Avila has trouble fulfilling the academic side of the college experience or the social aspect of the traditional college student, many of us miss the number of students who decide to move on to another institution at the end of each semester.

According to an ACT Institutional Data File, the national dropout rate for a private college that offers bachelors of arts and science programs is 28 percent. In other words, of the number of students entering a private college similar to Avila, only 72 percent of incoming freshman students remain at the institution.

According to Rob Fisher, Director of New Student Development, the dropout rate at Avila is comparable to the national average.

Then why is it each semester brings new faces and sad smiles from lonely friends expecting to

see that special person from last semester?

I wonder if it is the feeling of being back in high school. Many times I have heard students claim that they have five mothers and four fathers on campus alone—each persuading you to go to class, to get your friends out of your dorm room before midnight, or to learn how to study in freshman seminar.

As a former on-campus resident, I felt like "Big Brother" was always watching and listening. Whether drinking alcohol or smoking cigarettes in the lounge, resident life is a time for fun and exciting experiences, instead of constrained movies and forums.

Secondly, is the lack of Avila social life driving students off of campus and out of the dorms?

After my freshman year in Carondelet Hall, I have since moved off campus. I have also seen the social aspect of campus life diminish to the point of desolation. I wonder if the college could entice students to stay on campus during the weekends.

W E E K E N D S ! ! ! ! !
NEVER!!!! Maybe it is our fault, students. Do we party

anymore? College is supposed to represent parties, friendships, and learning (maybe not in that order). I do not mean only alcoholic parties. Non-alcoholic parties offer clear, intelligent conversation that can be based upon sober thinking.

Finally, my last question is how affordable is Avila to each individual student?

I don't know about you, but I will end up owing over \$27,000 before I graduate.

Is it like that for many more of you?

I know Avila is a prestigious academic institution, but where does our \$9,000 a year go? The administration has done a great job on the renovation of Blasco Hall and installing cable in the dorms, but enough is enough.

Can we have a year without a tuition increase to keep a few students from declaring bankruptcy before they hit the quarter century age?

I hope this editorial will raise some heads and permit everyone to voice their opinions to one another without having "Big Brother" listening. With a little change, Avila College could truly become, "What College Is Meant To Be."

Bucket's Notes

Eugene Troyer

contributing writer

It's near February the 14th, and you know what that means.

Cupid's buzzing around town, on his flabby little wings.

He has a bow and arrow, ready to draw,

So don't turn your back, or you'll see what I saw.

Both in their blue suede shoes, the only people on the block,

I noticed Cupid and Elvis, jammin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

I overheard Cupid, whisper something in the "kings" ear.

He said, "Will you love me tender, and be my teddy bear?"

Elvis replied, "Meet me in five at the Heartbreak Hotel,

or meet me in the ghetto, by the old church bell."

When the scene was over, I wrote it in my log,

and from that day on, I've been nothin' but a Hound Dog.

Love means more than gifts

It's almost Valentine's Day — the day of love. The stores are stocked with heart-shaped boxes of candy, bouquets with heart-shaped balloons on sticks, and pink cards; all proclaiming "You're Mine" or "I Belong To You." It's the one day of the year when society says it's okay to own or be owned by someone.

Well, in this time when we stress the individual and

the box-full. Husbands and wives exchange cards and a kiss. It all seems so commercialized and superficial.

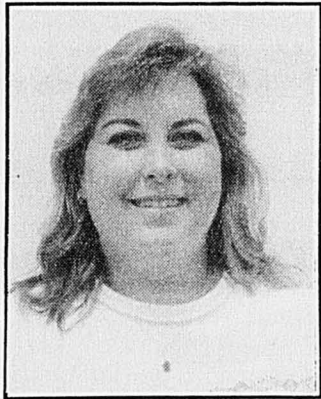
Let's try something different this year. Instead of buying the token gifts and cards, let's do something really special for the special people in our lives. On this day meant for acknowledging the ones we love, let's share with them those things that we seldom share. Let's give a little bit of ourselves instead of our wallets.

If you want to acknowledge your lover, tell him or her what you feel and think when you see the other from across room. Do you smile? Does your heart skip-a-beat? Do you hunger to touch? Share whatever the message is you send to yourself that tells you this is the one you love.

For family and friends, let them know what it is that makes you glad they're a part of your life. Is it their unconditional support? Is it the way they joke you out of a bad mood? Is it how they know what you're trying to say even when you don't know how to say it? Tell them.

This Valentine's Day, instead of giving ourselves to the ones we love with cards and gifts, let's give of ourselves — with words that truly do come from the heart. The card companies may not like the change, but are they the ones we want to acknowledge?

Caffey's Call



Susan G. Caffey
Opinion Editor

standing up for one's personal rights, maybe it's good to occasionally forget all of that and, for one day, give ourselves completely to another. But, is that what we do on Valentine's Day?

Girlfriends expect boyfriends to buy them flowers and candy. Children exchange cards with other children by

Keeping the dream alive

Robbin Williams
contributing writer

Memories of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream still live on. I was fortunate to have participated in several of the celebrations that sought to renew our hope for a better tomorrow.

It was an honor to be present during these memorable events. There was a interfaith worship service held at Beth Shalom congregation. Rabbi Alan Cohen welcomed people from all walks of life. All faiths recited a verse from Dr. King's writings and speeches, to rekindle Dr. King's vision.

The biggest celebration of them all included all races. A mass celebration was put together by the Greater Kansas City SCLC. This King celebration was extravagant. This one was held at St. Stephen Baptist Church, where

special recognition was given to the Native Americans. They put on a tribal ceremony in salute of Dr. King.

One of Dr. King's children was a speaker at this event. Of all the celebrations, the highlight for me was my chance to personally meet with Dr. King's eldest daughter Yolanda King. She spoke at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. The theme was Civil Rights: Rekindling The Unfinished Agenda of 1955-1995, which was also in remembrance of the late Rosa Parks.

As Ms. King delivered her speech, she had the same speaking style as her father. She delivered a uplifting speech about her father's works and how we all can help in the present and future. She also

talked with people individually, signed autographs, and posed for pictures.

There was a long line of people waiting to meet with Ms. King after her speech. Ms. King signed my program with the words: "To Robbin Blessings, Yolanda King". After a gentle hand shake, I said, "Keep the dream alive". She looked at me with her father's gleam in her eyes and said, "We must all work together to keep the dream alive".

These special events were for everyone. For those who did not take part in any of the Dr. King celebrations, don't forget the real reason for black history month. Lets all keep the dream alive, and remember what Dr. King died for: peace and equality for all..

The Balfour ring salesman will be in the bookstore to take your order Fe. 14 from 1-4 p.m. and Feb. 15 from 3-6 p.m. Ring orders can be placed at any time during the year. However, Feb. 14 and 15 there will be a large selection to look at and choose from.

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